



## THE KHIE CONNECTION

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*Welcome to the Kentucky Health  
Information Exchange Newsletter!*



### Quick Stats:

*As of February 17, 2015:*

- ⇒KHIE has 729 signed participation agreements (representing 2,778 locations)
- ⇒A total of 1,033 provider locations, are submitting live data and exchanging information (see [page 5](#) for more details)
- ⇒90% of acute care hospitals in KY are live on KHIE
- ⇒\$180,962,811.78 has been paid to Medicaid hospitals and providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- ⇒KHIE averages over 250,000 queries per week

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## Did You Know?

We have included the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) National Health IT State Summary with statistics for Kentucky and the nation regarding provider and hospital EHR and HIE adoption and usage. To learn more, visit [page 3](#)!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE HEALTH IT COORDINATOR

### **POLLY MULLINS-BENTLEY**



Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange and happy February. The month of February has truly ushered in quite the storm, literally speaking of course! As I mentioned last month, it goes without saying that one of the biggest use cases of an HIE is its role in disaster recovery and emergency situations. During these winter months, inclement weather conditions and harsh climates can create dire situations in which accessing

KHIE becomes a key resource in administering care at the right place and the right time. We feel strongly that the KHIE is an invaluable resource overall and its utility is fully realized and greatly enhanced during emergency situations.

Despite being snowed in, we at KHIE continue to work diligently on improving our health information technology services to enhance our HIE and ultimately improve interoperability. HIE is currently undergoing a major upgrade that will better support interoperability, as I mentioned last month, I like to call it, the next generation of KHIE.

Utilizing KHIE's advanced HIE will not only enrich the HIE's data, but will also better facilitate care transitions by providing the right patient information at the right time in order to deliver quality patient care across the continuum of care. This upgrade aligns well with several state and federal initiatives that aim to ultimately enhance patient outcomes, improve population health and improve care .

Thank you again for your hard work and I hope that all of you stay safe and warm. With your help, we can advance interoperability, improve care coordination and enrich the health of all Kentuckians.

Sincerely,

*Polly*

Polly Mullins-Bentley, RN, RHIT, CPHQ  
State Health I.T. Coordinator



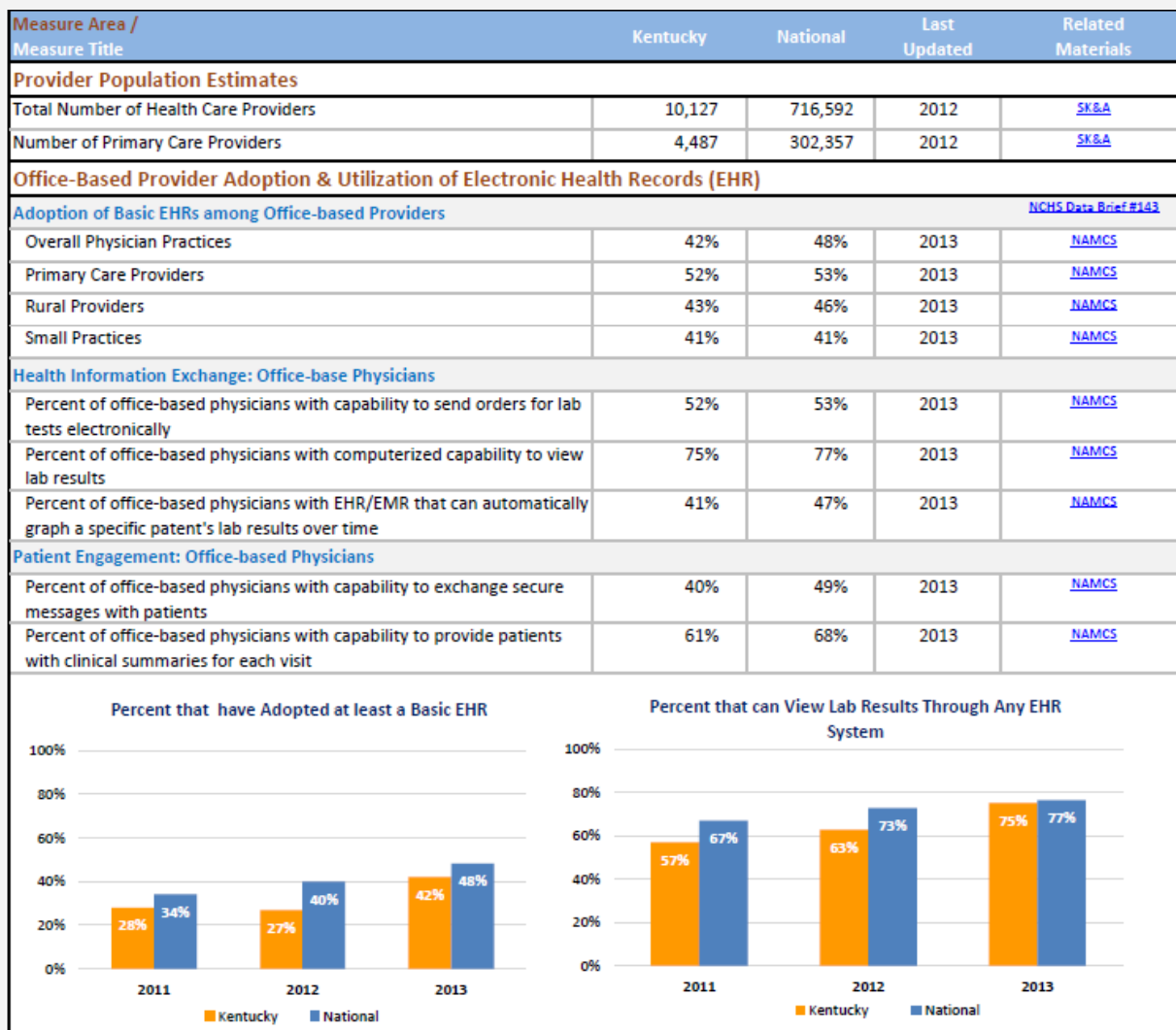
*Snow covers the landscaping outside the state Capitol on February 16, 2015  
Dylan Buell, State Journal*

## HEALTH IT STATE SUMMARY

### FOCUS ON KENTUCKY

#### HEALTH IT DATA:

The Health IT adoption and utilization data below are based upon measures developed and/or reported publically by the HHS ONC within [Health IT Dashboard](http://dashboard.healthIT.gov), at <http://dashboard.healthIT.gov>. The data presents key information to enable collaborative monitoring of the impact of federal policies and research activities related to health IT. The information below compares measures such as EHR adoption rates in KY with the national average. To learn more, please visit: <http://dashboard.healthit.gov/quickstats/widget/state-summaries/KY.pdf>. Below is a screenshot of some of the data available from the Health IT Dashboard.



## **KENTUCKY MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

### **POINTERS OF THE MONTH**

#### **UPDATING INFORMATION:**

Registration information must be kept up to date. The EHR team utilizes email as the main source of contact in completing attestation reviews. To update any demographic information including phone number and/or email address, providers must log in to the CMS registration website, update the information, and, most importantly, submit the registration. Please allow 24 hours for changes to be reflected.



#### **ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS & CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS:**

2015 is the last year for eligible hospitals to begin and still earn incentive payments. To earn a 2015 incentive payment and avoid a 2016 payment adjustment, first time participants should begin their 90 day reporting period no later than April 1, 2015 and submit attestation by July 1, 2015. Eligible hospitals that miss this deadline can still earn a 2015 incentive payment and avoid the 2017 payment adjustment IF they begin their reporting period by July 1 and submit their attestation by November 30. However, they will be subject to the 2016 payment adjustment unless they apply and qualify for a hardship exception. More information is located at [http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Eligible\\_Hospital\\_Information.html](http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Eligible_Hospital_Information.html).

#### **CONTACT US:**

The Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program team may be contacted in the event of questions or issues. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Email us at [EHRIncentives@ky.gov](mailto:EHRIncentives@ky.gov), ask questions or report issues through the Issues/Concerns link within the attestation website or call us at 502-564-0105 extension 2480.

## CONNECTION UPDATES

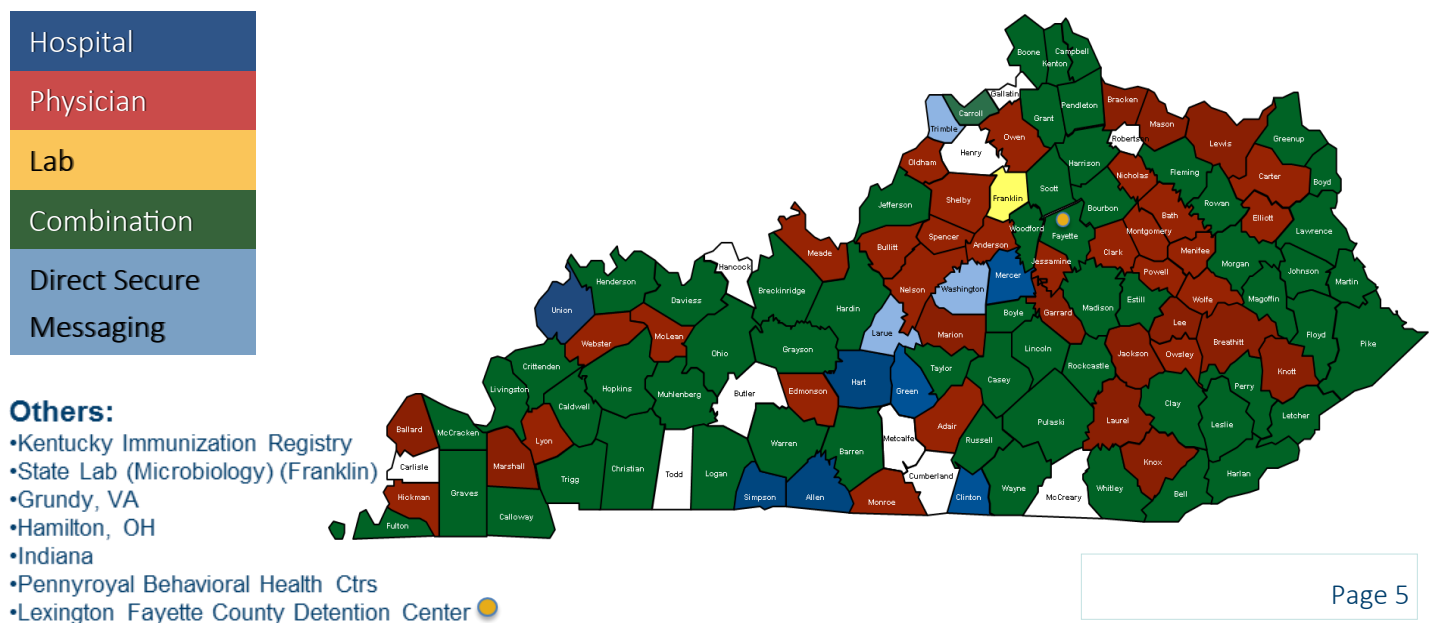
### STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and currently has a total of 1,033 provider locations submitting live data and actively exchanging information. To see KHIE's footprint across the Commonwealth, please see the map below. Click the map to view all of KHIE's connections across the state.

### NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS

The following providers have made new live connections with KHIE:

- Dr. Butler and Associates, PLLC
- Eickholz, James MD, PSC
- Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Division of Corrections—Lexington
- Mountain View Family Practice, PLLC
- Total Life Care, PLLC







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Are you a health care provider, hospital or other organization ready to connect to KHIE? Do you have questions, comments or need more information about the program? [Fill out this form to contact KHIE.](#)



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